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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE ISSUES - US/SOVIET CONSULTATIONS

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED PROPOSED BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH BORIS MAYORSKIY OF THE MFA TREATY AND LEGAL DIVISION ON JAN 8. MAYORSKIY CONFIRMED THAT THE SOVIETS, REGRETFULLY, WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HOST THE TALKS BUT PROPOSED THAT THEY BE HELD IN LONDON. HE SAID THAT A SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD BE GOING TO LONDON FOR THE IMARSAT MEETING FEB 9-27 AND THAT SEVERAL OF THE SAME PEOPLE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN BOTH TALKS FROM THE SOVIET SIDE. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE MOST CONVENIENT, HE SAID, TO HOLD THE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS EITHER DURING OR IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE IMARSAT MEETING, WHICH WOULD MEET THE U.S. REQUEST ON TIMING IN EARLY TO MID-FEBRUARY.

2. IF THE U.S. SIDE AGREES TO MEET IN LONDON, HE SAID, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR AMBASSADOR PIRADOV, THE CHIEF SOVIET DELEGATE TO THE UN OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE AND ITS LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE, TO HEAD THE SOVIET DELEGATION.

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3. MAYORSKIY CONTINUED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD

LIKE TO ADD ANOTHER ITEM TO THE DRAFT AGENDA GIVEN TO THE U.S. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, NAMELY: THE LEGAL STATUS OF GEO-STATIONARY ORBITS. HE EXPLAINED THAT COLOMBIA HAD RAISED THIS SUBJECT TWICE IN RECENT MONTHS AND IT WOULD THEREFORE BE APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS IT IN THE BILATERAL CONTEXT.

4. MAYROSKIY CONCLUDED THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS WHICH THE U.S. WISHED TO OFFER ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA OR ON ANY RELATED MATTER.

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